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WES and AES votes far from easy ones for school directors

By ALISON ALOISIO

Two-thirds of Andover's school directors voted Monday to close the Andover Elementary School.

But two thirds of the entire SAD 44 School Board didn't, and as a result AES will remain open, at least for now.

So will the Woodstock Elementary School, following another board vote Monday to significantly cut to the small school's budget.

Facing an expected \$1.2 million budget gap in yet another tough fiscal year, directors put the school closures (which would have begun next school year) up for a vote at Monday's special meeting.

To close a school requires a two-thirds majority vote of the board. The vote on AES was 551-418 in favor of closing, falling short of the number needed.

Debate and roll call

"I'm a parent of a student at the Andover School," said Andover director Keith Smith during the discussion leading up to the vote. "I'm a School Board member. I care about the education of my child. I care about the education of the district. I have a responsibility as a board member to make good decisions on edu-

cation. Because it's a public education, I also have fiscal responsibilities. I'm going to balance those tonight the best I can. It can't be all one way or all the other."

Smith, a member of the board's Finance Committee, voted in favor of closing AES, and bringing the pupils to the Crescent Park Elementary School. AES currently has about 30 pupils.

"I've been living this for two years, and I've looked at

it every way I

can," he said.

"In the past

two years

we've stripped

this school

district in

many ways."

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Outcome means still more cuts must be found throughout the district.

Chair) Sid Pew agreed. "My fear is that if we don't take measures tonight, we'll be back doing it in June [following a district-wide vote on a proposed SAD 44 budget]."

But the third Andover director, Tim Akers, disagreed.

"Our main responsibility is to support the education of children," he said. Akers said he favored "allowing the democratic process to work, and the voters to decide [through their votes in June]. If we come back and revisit it in

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No face plants here



Snowboarder Jack Alois of Vermont flips over a plastic barrel at the bottom of the Main Street Rail Jam course last Thursday evening in Bethel. Snowboarders and skiers competed on the rail, box and barrel elements laid out in front of the Sudbury Inn. Alois won the snowboard competition and Blake Wilson the ski contest. For more photos, see Page 8 or go to www.bethelcitizen.com/sports. (Photo: A. Alois)

Asphalt plant battle steams up

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Opponents of a plan, currently in front of the Bethel Planning Board, to relocate a hot-mix asphalt plant on the North Road claim to have gathered nearly 200 signatures on a petition calling for the board to reject the proposal.

Petition asks Planning Board to turn down proposal to move current plant across North Road.

The plant, owned by Bruce Manzer, is currently located in the Douglass gravel pit at 274 North Road. Manzer hopes to relocate it across the road to the site of the Coleman Concrete Plant.

The Planning Board is expected to take up the matter at its next meeting, Wednesday evening, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m.

Opponents of the move have protested that during the season the plant is in operation (early April to late November) it creates noise, potentially

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THS has \$500 in the can thanks to talent and focus of young filmmaker

By ALISON ALOISIO

A young Telstar Middle School filmmaker recently won \$500 for his filmwork and appears poised to star in a successful career.

Eighth-grader Mike Rodway was bitten by the film bug when he was in sixth grade, after his math class was assigned to choose an airport, research facts about it, and present it in a visual project.

He chose to make a movie about it, utilizing a film booth to film himself for part of the presentation.

His interest piqued, Mike and a friend, using an old camera, went on to experiment more with movie-making. And that summer, Mike

attended the New England Film Academy, held at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland. "They helped me a lot with editing," he said.

When he returned to school for the seventh grade, he began volunteering with Wayne Howe, the manager for Channel 11 public television, which is based at Telstar. There he learned about television, and helped Howe film Telstar High School basketball games.

The following summer, Mike tried his hand on the other side of the camera, returning to SMCC for an acting class, to both enhance his understanding of filmmaking and explore his acting potential.

Competition

In September, he began an art class with teacher Melissa Prescott. For the past two years, in addition to her art duties, Prescott has been at the helm of the TMS project, "Greenhouse of Telstar," otherwise known as "GOT Farms."

Last spring and summer the dozen or so students who participate grew fresh produce outdoors at the school, then coordinated with the cafeteria to serve them this fall, encouraging teens to eat fresh vegetables.

The group also planned a public supper for this fall, dubbed the "Fantastic Food

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State adopts updated management plan for Mahoosuc/Grafton region

By ALISON ALOISIO

In January a new 15-year management plan for the state's Mahoosuc region lands was adopted by the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands.

For one local stakeholder, the Mahoosuc Land Trust, the final product has more conservation-minded provisions than expected, but not as many as the organization had originally advocated for.

After a year of input from an advisory committee and the general public, the BPL last month issued the Western Mountain Regions Management Plan, which includes the Mahoosuc and Grafton areas (see map, Page xxx).

About half of that region, known as the "Mahoosuc Unit," is sustainably managed for timber, while the other half is set aside for protection of ecological features, wildlife habitat and backcountry recreation, according to the plan.

The Advisory Committee included Bethel-area members Kevin Slater of the Mahoosuc Guide Service and Ken Hotopp of MLT.

Hotopp, a conservation biologist, said the adopted plan

provides more conservation acreage for the Sunday River, Bull Branch (which feeds the Sunday River) and the Baldpate Mountain ridge than did a draft plan was presented to the public in December.

The adopted plan includes more areas designated "Special Protection," "Non-mechanized Backcountry," and "Visual Class 1," all of which prohibit industrial timber harvest.

Special-protection areas (land with unique ecological value) were expanded to include more of the Baldpate ridge, as well as some other areas. The total acreage of those areas is 11,832, compared to 10,889 in the final

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MEETINGHOUSE ROOF REPAIRS. Roofers from Hahnel Brothers of Lewiston were at work last week repairing or replacing much of the cupola roof of the Middle Intervale Meetinghouse. The project, which is expected to cost just over \$10,000, was undertaken to stop damage done to the interior ceiling by rain and snow melt — the result, said Board Chairman Stephen Seames, "of nearly 200 years of rot and weather." The project involved removal of the cupola roof, repair any damage there found, replacement of damaged wooden parts. The new roofing was then covered with a high-temperature ice-and-water-shield membrane, with underlayment and red rosin paper separator sheet. A 24-gauge pre-finished galvanized-iron standing-seam roof system capped off the roof. The meetinghouse was built in 1806. (Photo: M. Daniels)

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Letters

GILEAD POLITICAL MANEUVERING

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the article of Jan. 27, 2011 regarding the purchase of Cole's Custom Auto.

I am troubled to see the same sort of political maneuverings we have seen on the national scale. A special interest group is trying to force the selectmen into a hasty decision. The town authorized the selectmen to negotiate a price with the seller on behalf of "all" the taxpayers. One group can't set price and force action while excluding input from the rest of the taxpayers. The citizens of Gilead have the right to know the final price as well as the cost of a well, projected utilities and future maintenance and interest rates. It is not yet clear if additional land will need to be purchased.

Most important of all, we need to know how all of this will affect our tax rate. We live in uncertain economic times, and it is reasonable to think that future state funding may be reduced.

There have been no formal discussions in the past regarding the need for a town garage, nor have other options been considered. Some have questioned whether the building is suitable for a garage. A discussion on all of these issues may be helpful before a hasty decision is made to purchase any property.

We need to allow the selectmen to function in the capacity authorized by the voters. All of our future discussions need to be done in a respectful manner. We are, after all, all citizens of Gilead.

Linda Vieweg
Gilead

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

To the Editor:

When you walk by the ice tower at Bethel Station, what do you think? Are you someone who focuses on costs, potential lawsuits, a waste of manpower? Or can you, perhaps with some effort, look beyond these doubts?

The willingness to take risk -- to start something that may or may not work, is admirable. It takes courage to begin (especially when everyone is watching) and it takes tenacity to move forward. Courage and tenacity are essential to growth as an individual, and as a nation.

To me, the ice tower tells the world that our community has courage and that we believe great things are possible. I think that message has the power to balance out any expenses, real or imagined, now or in the future. Thanks, Jim and crew. You've made a statement, and it makes me proud to be able to call Bethel my home.

Betsy Cooper
Bethel

RAIL JAM IS ONLY ONE EVENING

To the Editor:

I am a village homeowner, an avid skier, and patron of many Main Street businesses, and I was very sorry to see in last week's Citizen such a negative article about the Main Street Rail Jam.

While this event and park-style skiing and snowboarding in general might not be everyone's cup of tea, I can't believe that there are people who seem so unwilling to let young people have their fun, especially when that fun involves being outside, getting lots of exercise and supporting local ski areas and related businesses. I have attended both Main Street Rail jams and it actually seems to be quite a family-friendly event. Anyone who wished to have more adult-style fun was welcome to do so at surrounding restaurants, which, contrary to naysayers who scolded organizers for closing the street, seemed to be quite busy. Only a few hundred feet of Main Street was closed, with an easy detour down Mechanic Street. As for the hand-drawn map submitted to selectmen by the organizers, I'm sure that they didn't know how to, or even that they should, get access to real tax maps, and 2) they won't be making that mistake again. Kudos to Town Manager Jim Doar for bridging the generation gap when it came to navigating town politics. All in all, it amounted to one evening -- just four hours! -- of a little something different that was a fun excuse to socialize in the middle of a long winter. I hope the organizers will take the lessons they've learned from the past two years and turn it into an even better event next year.

I also second Betsy Cooper's letter regarding backlash to the ice tower. Bethel really is a special town and I applaud the creativity of the people who keep things interesting.

Jessie Seymour Perkins
Bethel

EBS STILL PLAYS A ROLE

To the Editor:

I read that Superintendent Murphy had abandoned the austerity of the Ethel Bisbee School, leaving it to a fate unknown. This building serves a great purpose to the Bethel community. The town has residences for disabled and low-income individuals.

The Food Pantry and Dollar-a-Bag are a great help to all of us. Not only that, but I have seen people from "away," known as tourists, taking great delight in leaving brand name clothing and buying bags of apparel, all of which goes into helping the Food Pantry.

I read that fuel would be provided until whatever. My taxes and yours are involved in Supt. Murphy's decision to relocate the rented facility. We all have a say in this matter. So, speak up!

Mary P. Leimbach
Bethel

THIS IS SCARY STUFF

To the Editor:

The following is from the Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry, a part of the Center for Disease Control. It addresses chemicals (PAHs) formed during the production of asphalt:

"How likely are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) to cause cancer?" The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has determined that some PAHs may reasonably be expected to be carcinogens. Some people who have breathed or touched mixtures of PAHs and other chemicals for long periods of time have developed cancer." The complete "Tox-Facts" can be found online at: <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfacts/tf.asp?id=121&tid=25>.

For those of us living in the neighborhood near the proposed asphalt plant this is scary stuff, but it should also serve as a wake-up call for anyone who lives, works, or visits Bethel. The Bethel Chamber of Commerce has advertised and promoted Bethel as "Maine's Most Beautiful Mountain Village" for over a decade, with business investment growing into the millions in the effort to draw the world to our doorstep. Couple this investment with countless volunteer hours in support of bringing visitors here, our question is: How long will Bethel be able to use that enticing line of welcome once we have an asphalt plant open up within a mile and a half of town? How many tourists are going to stay and enjoy our inns, restaurants, golf courses and campgrounds if the first thing that greets them is the stench and haze from an asphalt plant looming overhead? And how many jobs will be lost as a result in those businesses once the Bethel "brand" is diminished? If you do just a little research on the health hazards involved with asphalt fumes and asphalt production you might think again about how important the term "quality of place" should be to us all. If, however, you don't care about living where the air quality will change as a result of an asphalt plant, and you are comfortable with having this plant in your backyard, then so be it. What may or may not happen if an asphalt plant occupies a piece of ground on the North Road is unclear and both sides of the argument can offer little more than speculation. One thing's for sure, the air will change.

Should a Planning Board or government agency have the right to issue a permit for what we breathe? We hope you will attend the Planning Board meeting Feb 9 and express your opposition to this plant because this project could have an adverse effect on many more people than it will help. To sign a petition in opposition of this plant, please contact Gina Douglas at 824-3351.

Carole and Ross Timberlake
Bethel

HAZARD TO OUR HEALTH, AND OUR TOWN

To the Editor:

Last week's letter on the Asphalt Plant proposal for North Road peaked our interest. We live in West Bethel and noticed strong odors during 2010. Folks we asked attributed it to the paper mills and dismissed it. Thinking about it now I recall the difference between the odors coming from paper mills from the new odor, which was "asphalt-ish." We're now very concerned about this issue.

Digging into it revealed long unresolved problems with an Augusta plant, which is owned/operated by a Mr. S. McGhee, who owns the Bethel land where the Manzer plant is proposed to go. Complainants in Augusta have been ignored and out-maneuvered in their efforts to ensure that asphalt emissions remain within safe and tolerable limits. In fact, their success has been limited to passing a moratorium to prevent such plants from locating within the zone in the future.

During our Dec. 8, 2010 Planning Board meeting a board member reminded Mr. Manzer that Bethel had an ordinance against odors leaving property boundaries. Mr. Manzer responded to the effect that he was unaware the plant had any odors. To that strains credulity. Brief research reveals a vast body of environmental issues characterizing them as emitters of offensive odors and dangerous chemicals.

The implications of this issue appear to justify much more aggressive investigation and review than has occurred to date. A group of citizens will do that and prepare documentation to be presented at the next Planning Board Meeting on Feb. 9. We strongly encourage all interested citizens to attend.

Seabury and Sharon Lyon
Bethel

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noxious, smoke, fumes and odors.

They also contend the plant's airborne effluent creates an image that is damaging to the tourist-and-recreation-based economy of "Maine's Most Beautiful Mountain Village." (For more, see the letters to the editor on this page.)

'A crazy lawsuit'

They also draw a cautionary comparison to a similar situation in Augusta, where residents of the city's Grandview neighborhood have battled for nearly a decade against a gravel pit and paving facility which, they say, creates smells, noise and dust that degrade their quality of life and lower the value of their properties.

According to the Kennebec Journal, by last summer the dispute had escalated to the point that Augusta's legislative delegation -- which included Democrat Libby Mitchell, then president of the Maine State Senate -- asked the Legislature's Natural Resources Committee to step in.

The committee declined, saying that the matter was a local issue, best handled locally.

Augusta city councilors have grappled, so far unsuccessfully, with ways of defusing the situation, including not renewing the city license under which the facility operates, or passing an ordinance stepping up the level of review such projects must undergo.

They have also tried old-fashioned jawboning. Following a three-hour long meeting in November, the councilors urged the facility owners to simply consider moving the plant to a more suitable location.

But by that point, one councilor said, given the way the situation was developing, "this is going to end up in a crazy lawsuit."

Lowering the heat

Manzer told the Citizen this week that his Bethel asphalt plant has been in operation

since 2008, and there were no complaints until this year, when he applied to move it a short distance across the road.

Ironically, in the spring of 2010, he said, he installed a "warm-mix" process at the plant, which actually lowers the amount and composition of its effluent, by allowing operators to keep the product well below its 285-degree boiling point.

"In a nutshell the process allows us to lower the temperature of the mixed asphalt by roughly 40 degrees," he said, "and that reduces carbon dioxide emissions by nearly 80 percent."

The WMA process also saves 12 to 15 percent on fuel usage, Manzer said, and eliminates visible fumes when the trucks are filled at the plant, or on the street during the paving process.

WMA now accounts for 60 percent of the plant's output, he said, "and that number is increasing every year."

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment Three

How did you come to live here?

Between our hithering and yonning, our G.H.Q. were at Brick End, an old family homestead that no one could afford to live in. Here we left an accumulation of boxes and trunks filled with things not needed for our next jaunt. One summer, after three fascinating years working for the Davis's on Cape Cod, we came home to find Brick End had been rented. We were invited to stay for a while with my oldest brother, Edward A. He was born in the dark of the moon and had a mercurial temperament. He could be as suave, gracious, and hospitable as an accomplished European diplomat; he could also behave as though he were made of snips and snails and puppy dog's tails. He had been recently divorced and with him were his two children: Ted, sixteen and Anne McClure, ten. Their house, a half mile down the road from Brick End and my next brother, T.R. and family, was tiny. B.B. was always ready to try anything that was new and different. I felt a bit of trepidation about living with children and more about keeping house for a "poison heat" relative. But I decided that anyone who had studied the French Revolution, read "Machiavelli" and "Alice in Wonderland" should be able to cope with anything. So we accepted the invitation and moved in.

Miss Fan, my mother in town, and numerous relatives all waited to see how this situation would work out. We had a gay time. B.B. built a wooden shower in the shed and in a community of bathtubs only, this was an attraction. We were a bit crowded but it was summer and we all took turns sleeping on the porch. Ted and a visiting cousin would stay awake half the night out there, playing on harmonicas and whistling. On an eighty-degree day, Anne wanted to make a baked Alaska. It was a hot job on a wood stove in a low-ceilinged kitchen, but it came out perfect and we all sat outside under the trees "lapping it up." The cat went up a tree, no cajolery could lure it down. After two days of hearing it howl, we cut the tree and rescued it.

One evening T.R. phoned. He had just read about a place for sale that might interest us. In those days, real estate advertisements were less direct than now; the agent lived in another town. It was a popular sport to try and ferret out exactly what property was being offered. We decided that it might be the Sears place on the south end of the mountain, though this had been a summer place for fifty years and was never expected to come on the market. We talked about it a bit that night. In the morning we phoned the agent.

He was devious but did say that it was the Sears place. A long and tragic illness had drastically changed their future plans. He already had several interested buyers but he finally consented to meet us and show us about. Neither of us had ever seen the place.

We left the main road a quarter of a mile from the village, drove one mile uphill through the woods, and came out into an open field which had started to grow up to bushes. The house sat on the top of the hill, protected on the north by the rise of the mountain. (Later we cleared this section of all but the biggest trees, exposing rocky ledges that looked much like Cezanne's painting of the forest of Fontainebleau.) The house was an architectural monstrosity. To an original brown shingled Cape Cod structure had been added on three sides of a flat-roofed porch. Six dormer windows poked out here and there. There were two original chimneys and another at the east end, a huge outside three-flued affair fastened by guy wires to a new roof. A small barn was attached to the woodshed. There was a deep well and a hand pump, but no electricity. We were taken in through the north shed door. Opening the opposite south door, we looked out. To the east, south, and west over the field, across the treetops were mountain ranges and a dome of blue sky. No houses in sight, no noises to be heard. We went through the inside quickly. B.B. took a look at the barn. We silently returned to our starting point and sat a few minutes in the agent's car.

"Well, what do you think of it?" he said.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: A gas leak, caused when a bucket loader moving snow hit a propane tank, prompted the evacuation of six buildings at Sunday River Ski Resort.

Hancock Lumber was making plans to build a discount "barn" at the site of its Bethel mill.

Alfred Merrill of West Bethel was honored at a party celebrating his 95th birthday.

Births: Rebecca Penczer, Hunter Allen Milliken, Sophie Lynn Blodeau.

Deaths: Bradley M. Cunningham, Ada H. Chadbourne, Oscar "Doc" Tikander, Albert T. "Bob" McCready.

20 years ago: Approximately 350 skiers, from 19 schools, took part in the Telstar Relays, a popular tuning-up event for the Mountain Valley Conference and State championship meets.

Alanson Cummings was presented with Bethel's Boston Post Cane, honoring him as the town's most senior citizen.

Greenwood selectmen were seeking volunteers to help paint the town office.

Births: Harley Richard Gordon, Zeven David Gorman.

Deaths: Francis A. Cox, Sally C. Viricel, Joseph James Dolloff.

30 years ago: Edleen and Lawrence Winslow purchased the popular pizza and sandwich shop "Charlie's Place" from Charlie Farrar.

Thirteen-year-old Sarah Putnam, a student at Telstar Middle School, won the Meredith Langley Wyman Memorial Ski Race at Sunday River Ski Area.

Crescent Park School students took part in a special program on farming in a bygone era at the Moses Mason Museum.

Births: Heather Lynn Lowell, Emily Sue Morton.

Deaths: Doris G. Bryant, Thelma E. Edmunds, Lars M. Rasmussen.

40 years ago: Russell Burgess presented a lecture on extra-sensory perception at Gould Academy.

The Bethel Auxiliary of the Rumford Community Hospital sponsored a rummage sale in the Casco Bank community room.

Births: Stacie Marie Todd, Stephen Joseph McLain, Brian Keith Bachelder.

50 years ago: About 75 teenagers attended the first dance and skating party held at the Mt. Abram Ski Slopes lodge.

Sunday River Skiway was offering a weekday package plan for \$17.50 that included use of all lifts and two-hour daily lessons.

Births: James Lee Wiley, Keith Vincent Saunders, Wayne Phillip Whittemore, Kathleen Elizabeth Holt, Nancy Jean Buck, Shelly Ann Roy.

Deaths: Mrs. Gertrude Campbell, Eugene A. Van Den Kerckhoven, Ralph E. Day.

60 years ago: The Bethel polio drive netted over \$1,200.

70 years ago: A blaze in the awning of John Rubino's store called the fire department.

Deaths: Thomas LaRue, Roy Lane, Mrs. Abbie Littlehale, Frederick R. Penley, Mrs. Agnes Davis, Eugene Judkins.

80 years ago: A "drastic cut" in wages was announced at the N. S. Stowell & Co. mill.

Deaths: Mrs. Emma Bean, Robert Crockett, Freeman M. Morse, Alexander Laroque, Mrs. Horace Allen, Selinda Green.

90 years ago: Governor Frederic Parkhurst died after three weeks in office. He was succeeded by Percival P. Baxter, president of the Senate.

Deaths: Mrs. Georgianna Smith, Joshua Young, P. W. Saunders, Mrs. Cynthia Ackley.

100 years ago: Fire in the Norway Opera House block did \$20,000 damage to the stores of H. B. Foster, Vivian W. Hills, Mrs. R. L. Powers, and E. N. Swett Shoe Co.

The Young People's Christian Union held a special service the Universalist Church.

There were several cases of whooping cough on Grover Hill.

Deaths: John Morrill, Benjamin Burgess.

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Votes

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June, we do. I don't think making the decision for the taxpayers is necessarily the right thing to do."

Pew said he felt he had been elected to make such decisions. "That's what we were elected to do — it's for us to make our own judgment," he said.

Bethel director Pat Nasta worried that cutting in other schools instead would have a more negative effect overall. "The middle school and high school have taken many hits," she said.

She said she favored instead giving the responsibility for keeping AES open — and paying for it — to the voters of Andover.

"If a district does close a school, the town in which it is located has the option of raising itself the amount of money equal to the annual savings in order to keep the school open. For Andover, that amount is estimated at \$214,000.

But, countered Akers, at that price, coupled with any other tax increase for SAD 44 itself, "that's not really a choice."

Longtime Woodstock director Marcel Polak also opposed closure.

"It's probably not the responsible decision," he said.

"The responsible decision is probably what my colleagues are going to be doing — to close. I'm just looking now selfishly, about looking myself in the mirror, and saying how much I support education, and thinking I'm going to vote to close a school. I'm going to pass the buck now. And passing the buck is essentially passing it to the taxpayers. It's probably not the responsible thing to do, because we're not sure what they're going to do. We never know what they're going to do."

Fellow Woodstock director Sheryl Morgan voiced a similar sentiment. "After receiving a lot of calls today from citizens, it really made me think a lot, and I just can't close the schools. I'm sorry. I say take it to the taxpayers."

The vote was then taken by roll call, with the results as follows:

Yes (to close): Smith; Pew; Nasta; Lynn Arizzi (Bethel); Carol Everett (Bethel); Lainey Cross (Bethel); Erin Collins (Greenwood); Stacey Sandvoss (Greenwood); Richard Melville (Greenwood); Bonnie Largess (Newry).

No: Akers; Polak; Morgan; Julie Davis (Woodstock); Kristen Drew (Bethel); Roberta Taylor (Bethel).

Newry director Deb Webster was absent.

About 65 people attended Monday's board meeting, many speaking against closing either the Andover or Woodstock schools.

Several people from Andover said they did not feel the district had provided enough advance notice about Monday's vote on their school.

The closure issue was also discussed at last week's regular board meeting, but several said they were not aware it was on the agenda.

During citizen comments Monday on possible closure of WES, Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield read a letter he had written that

was also signed by two town selectmen.

It said, in part: "We all know from experience that when the heat is turned off in a building and it is vacant, it begins to deteriorate rapidly. This, in itself, would cost the district taxpayers money in the future if the building was to be reopened and put back in service."

"I further believe that the costs of running the Crescent Park School will increase more than we think due to factors that we are not aware of at this time."

"In reviewing the numbers that we received from Dr. Murphy at [last week's] meeting, I believe that it will be in the best long term interest of the district to keep the Woodstock School open and make some operational changes to cut costs."

WES proposal

After the AES vote had been taken, the board turned its attention to WES, with its approximately 80 pupils. At the request of directors, Supt. Dave Murphy presented a plan to cut \$120,000 from next year's WES budget in order to keep the school open. Last year's operating budget, he said, totaled \$641,000.

The proposal would combine the fourth and fifth-grades into one classroom, saving an estimated \$40,000 for one teaching position.

The resulting class size of 22 or 23 pupils is the same number as would be expected if WES pupils were sent to CPS instead, Murphy said.

Other positions eliminated would be an educational technician for special education (\$26,700) and a library educational technician (\$24,170).

The special ed teacher would take on more responsibility, while the school secretary would cover the library, Murphy said.

Principal Jolene Littlehale's current half-time principal/half-time teacher position would be changed to full-time teaching principal.

She would serve as half time special education/half time Title I teacher, at a savings of \$28,300.

Smith said that with those reductions, he would favor keeping the school open.

Polak said he would prefer to revisit the option in the context of the whole budget proposal, which has not yet been presented.

Directors voted by a show of hands 10-6 in favor of the cuts.

The action on WES still leaves a gap of nearly \$1.1 million, caused by an anticipated loss in state aid and increase in costs.

Directors must now decide whether to cut elsewhere in the overall budget, pass the increase on to taxpayers, or a combination of the two. The current year's budget is \$9.2 million.

Murphy said the Finance Committee will now begin the process of developing budget priorities for the board to consider.

He said he does not expect specific proposals to come to the board until late February or early March.

The board meets next Feb. 14.

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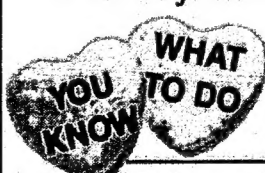
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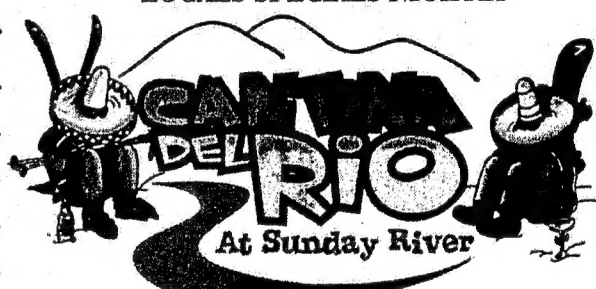
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Briefly

Presentation on passenger rail study

BETHEL—On Wednesday, Feb. 16, the Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT) and Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG) will hold a public information meeting in Bethel on the Lewiston/Auburn/Montreal Passenger Rail Feasibility Study. The purpose of the meeting will be to present the findings of the Study. The meeting format will include a formal presentation followed by an opportunity for public comment on the information presented. The meeting will be held at 3 p.m., in the South Dining Room of the Bethel Inn. A second meeting on the topic will be held at 7 p.m. that evening at the AVCOG office at 125 Manley Road in Auburn.

Spruce wind project appeal today

AUGUSTA—The Maine Board of Environmental Protection was scheduled to hear an appeal today (Thursday) on the Spruce Mountain Wind Project in Woodstock. The Friends of Spruce Mountain and individuals filed the appeal on the Department of Environmental Protection's approval last fall of a 10-turbine wind power project on the mountain. The appeal is based on several issues, including a challenge that DEP erred in its findings that noise generated by the project will not have an unreasonable effect on the surrounding environment.

Freda scholarship event postponed

NEWRY—A pizza-party fundraiser at the Matterhorn, postponed last night (Wednesday) because of weather, will take place instead Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. The event, organized by the Bethel Rotary Club, will benefit a new scholarship fund in memory of Rocky Freda.


Filmmaker

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WatchMECreate Challenge #2

WatchMECreate (WatchMECreate.org) is a collaborative effort between ACTEM & the MLTI. It consists of a series of serious challenges put out to Maine's grade 7-12 schools, asking students (and perhaps teachers) to collaboratively develop and submit video responses. While posed as a "student challenge," it is assumed that some students may come to it independently while others will be directed towards it by a teacher.

Challenge #2 is called WatchMERead and asks



Middle School WatchMEGraduate Winner

FILM AWARD—A photo of TMS eighth-grader Mike Rodway on the website of WatchMEGraduate, which sponsored a film-making contest on the topic of encouraging students to stay in school. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Frenzy." This spring they also plan to grow food in a new greenhouse at the school.

As GOT Farms got underway this school year, Prescott learned of a statewide competition entitled, "Watch Me Graduate," which challenged high and middle school students to create films showing one thing they believe should be done to encourage students to stay in school. The high- and middle-school winners would receive a prize of \$500, to be used to implement their idea.

The competition is an outgrowth of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative, which got its start with former Gov. Angus King's laptops-for-students computer program.

Prescott thought the farm project and film contest could be connected, and she talked to Mike about it.

"At the time, the GOT Farms group (which Mike has also been involved in) was in the process of planning the Fantastic Food Frenzy and field trip, where we had the opportunity to visit several educational gardens in western Maine.

"I suggested the farming concept would be a great focus for the film, and the field trip would be an excellent time to collect quality footage," she said.

With camera in hand, Mike went with the group to visit Buckfield High School, Gould Academy and other locations.

Mike interviewed students about their own gardening projects. Said one female student from Buckfield, "I like working and making a difference for our school."

After returning to Telstar, Mike got in front of the camera himself. In answer to the challenge question, he answered, "Farming."

He argued that a typical high school student body is roughly divided into an academics-oriented group and a more hands-on, technology-oriented group.

A farming program like GOT Farms, he said, is an activity through which they can come together for the benefit of both, and where students who don't fall easily into either category may find their own place—a place that might motivate them to stay through high school.

Mike edited his own spot

Mahoosucs

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draft. Before the planning process began, 10,000 of those acres were already part of what is known as the Mahoosuc Ecoreserve.

The plan adopted also includes 2,379 acres categorized as Non-mechanized Backcountry (allowing only non-mechanized recreation access), compared to 1,692 acres in the final draft.

The expanded area again includes more acreage on Baldpate, as well as at higher elevations on Sunday River Whitecap and Slide Mountain.

The Visual Class 1 designation for the Sunday River and Bull Branch requires more stringent timber-harvest limits. The designation is intended to prevent logging operations from coming all the way to the edge of the stream, Hotopp said. But the purpose goes beyond just visual appearance - it is also intended to protect habitat.

"Some of the most productive soils and habitats are near streams. It's not just aesthetics," he said.

Hotopp characterized both the Sunday River and Bull Branch as "recovering streams," which had been significantly impacted in past decades by logging and/or farming.

The MLT had recommended that additional areas be protected. The percentage of wild areas in the region - about 20,000 compared to 600,000 total acres in the 16 Mahoosuc towns in Maine and New Hampshire - is about 3 percent. Hotopp said he wonders whether that is enough to protect wild habitat.

But, he said, from MLT's perspective the plan is a move in the right direction. The BPL "listened to the public, and to the recreationists," he said.

Hotopp also praised the BPL's vision for timber management, which focuses on saw logs - "high value timber, not biomass," he said.

Recreation

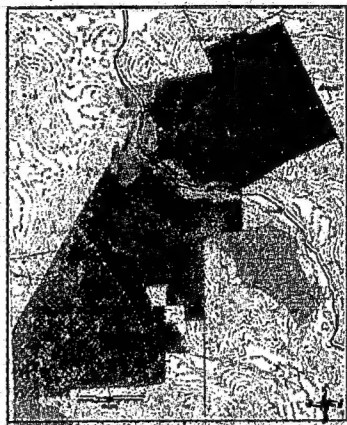
On the recreation front, the new plan allows for Nordic skiing in the Bull Branch area.

Slater noted at the December public hearing that the

valley receives early and late season snow, and advocated for the opportunity to groom the area for Nordic use. He also supported a ski corridor between the Bear and Androscoggin river valleys.

A representative from the Maine Handicap Ski Program also favored opening Bull Branch for Nordic ski grooming, but not for snowmobiling.

The adopted plan recommends BPL partner with groups interested in developing the Bull Branch valley for



Nordic skiing. It also notes that significant winter recreation activity takes place in the Grafton Notch State Park and the rest of the unit without active management by BPL. Activities include ice climbing, winter camping, snowshoeing and Nordic skiing.

The plan recommends that BPL gather more information on such activities and work with recreation groups to develop communications and determine appropriate parking areas to be plowed to support the recreation.

BPL comment

Amy Hudnor, BPL senior planner, explained why the protected areas were expanded since the final draft:

"Many individuals and organizations (including the Mahoosuc Land Trust, the Appalachian Mountain Club, The Wilderness Society, and the Bethel Outing Club) spoke at the final draft public meeting in December, and also sent written comments to BPL.

They offered more information on the Mahoosuc Public Lands and made a compelling

case that more Special Protection and Backcountry Recreation zones should be allocated in high mountain areas, especially around the Baldpates.

"BPL staff considered their comments as well as considering BPL's management needs. An expansion of Special Protection and Backcountry Recreation areas was made around the Baldpates - this was an effective way to give even greater protection to the sensitive natural communities and backcountry recreation experience here, while continuing to manage timber in lower elevation areas to provide a diverse forested environment and generate high quality timber products to support Bureau operations and the local economy.

"In high elevation areas around Slide Mountain, Mt. Carlo and others southwest of Route 26, the ecology and recreational experience was already broadly protected in the final draft resources allocations, so no changes were made.

"Members of the public as well as conservation and recreation organizations also spoke and wrote about the increasing importance of recreation in some of the streams in the Mahoosucs - particularly the entire Bull Branch - for fishing, sightseeing and swimming. BPL chose to give a Visual designation to the portions of the Sunday River, within the public lands, and along the Bull Branch.

"Visual designation is normally applied along trail corridors, public use roads and lake shorelines, however in this case, the recreation experience on the rivers warranted this visual consideration.

These visual designations work in concert with wildlife designations (which occur along all major streams) and protect recreationists' views from the river and stream."

To see the complete plan, go to www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/planning/northern/WesternMountainRegionManagementPlan.html

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OCSD Patrol Log:

Monday, Jan. 24

At 2:20 p.m. a caller on Main Street, Bethel, reported a lost item. Deputy George Cayer was assigned.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

At 10:15 a.m. a caller reported children sliding in the roadway on Kilborn Street, Bethel. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 11:23 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder assisted officials in accessing recently acquired property in Bethel.

At 11:25 a.m. Lt. Tom Harriman did a followup on a domestic violence investigation on the Farmers Hill Road in Andover.

At 1:05 p.m. a caller on the Dudley Road in Woodstock reported being harassed. Lt. Tom Harriman was assigned.

At 3:09 p.m. a report was received of a home on South Main Street in Woodstock being burglarized. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 5:18 p.m. a caller reported a vehicle driving erratically on Route 2 in Bethel. Deputy George Cayer was assigned.

At 6:09 p.m. a report was received of a disabled vehicle on the East Bethel Road. Deputy Matt Noyes traveled the entire road with negative contact. Cpl. Justin Brown later located it on Route 26 in Paris.

At 6:47 p.m. a caller on the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel reported a subject in his driveway would not leave and insists that he lives at the residence. Deputies Matt Noyes, Willie Nelson and George Cayer responded. As a result of investigation V. Roger Onorati, 63, of Massachusetts was arrested for OUI.

At 7:25 p.m. a report was received of a subject standing in the middle of the road on Route 2 in Bethel. Deputy George Cayer warned the intoxicated subject to stay out of the road.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

At 9:05 a.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to Route 26 in Bethel for a report of a vehicle driving dangerously. There was negative contact.

At 2:35 p.m. a report was received of a possible fraud incident on Nordic Knoll Road in Newry. Deputy George Cayer was assigned.

At 3:43 p.m. on Route 232 in Woodstock Deputy Matt Noyes arrested Mindy Litchfield, 21, of Woodstock on an active arrest warrant.

At 6:09 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco assisted a subject with vehicle problems on Route 5 in Bethel.

At 7:46 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes and George Cayer responded to Mason Street in Bethel for a report of a hit-and-run accident with injury.

At 8:12 p.m. Deputy George Cayer assisted state police on a domestic call on the Upton Road in Andover.

At 11:41 p.m. on Route 2 in Bethel Deputy Matt Noyes stopped a vehicle that the owner had failed to register in Maine. Samuel B. Chapman, 23, of Bryant Pond was charged.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

Jan. 28, 1:30 p.m.: Duane S. Roberts, 62, of Greenwood, unlawful sexual contact, assault; by Deputy George Cayer on Howe Hill Road in Greenwood.

Jan. 29, 10:34 p.m.: Dennis M. Walley, 45, of Bethel, DV assault, OUI, violation of bail conditions, carrying a concealed weapon; by Deputy Dennis Ryder on Rabbit Valley Road.

Jan. 30, 11 p.m.: Tony L. Bennett, 45, of Bethel, violation of bail conditions, obstructing government administration; by Deputy Matt Noyes on the Flat Road in Bethel.



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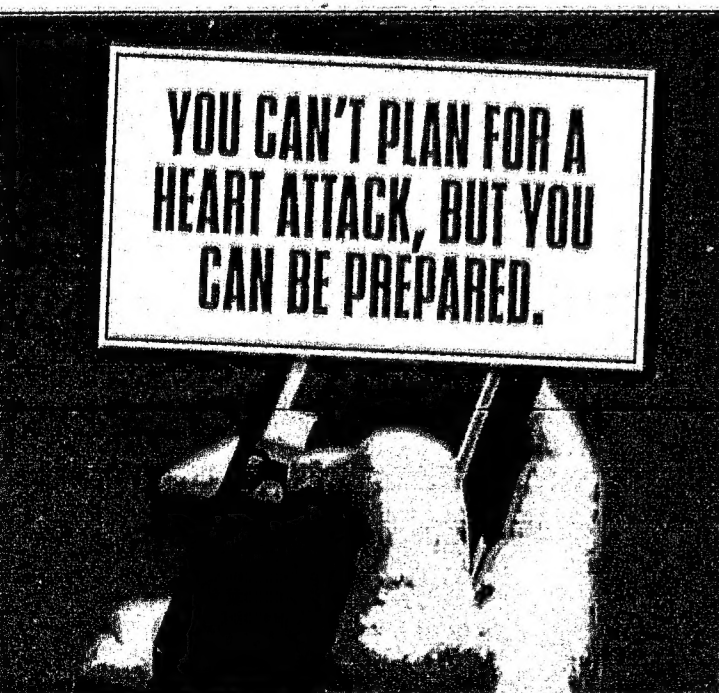
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Thursday, Jan. 27

At 12:37 a.m. a caller on Mason Street in Bethel reported an unwanted person. Deputy Matt Noyes responded.

At 8:14 a.m. a caller from the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel reported a theft. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 9:09 a.m. a report was received from the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel of ongoing harassment. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 10:10 a.m. a report was received of a two-vehicle accident with no injuries on Route 2/Parkway. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 2:26 p.m. a caller on Mason Street reported a burglary that had taken place in the past. Deputies Mike Parshall and George Cayer and Trooper Kyle Tilsley responded.

At 3:29 p.m. on Mason Street Deputy Mike Parshall investigated hazardous materials in and around a residential area.

At 7:32 p.m. a report was received of a sexual assault on Church Street. Deputy Matt Noyes investigated.

Friday, Jan. 28

At 10:41 a.m. a report was received of ongoing smoking of marijuana on Main Street. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 7:17 p.m. a gas driveoff was reported on Mayville Road. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 7:54 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the Redding Road in Woodstock after a subject had followed his GPS reading and ended up stuck on an unplowed trail.

At 9:50 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown and Trooper Jason Wing responded to South Main Street in Bryant Pond for a two-vehicle, head on accident with injuries.

Saturday, Jan. 29

At 7:40 a.m. a report was received of a sexual assault on the Howe Hill Road in Greenwood. Cpl. Chancey Libby was assigned.

At 8:27 a.m. a report of a theft on the Howe Hill Road was received. Cpl. Chancey Libby was assigned.

At 9:29 p.m. Deputies Dennis Ryder and Mike Halacy responded to the Annis Road for a report of a domestic assault. Dennis Walley, 45, of Bethel was arrested for domestic assault, with additional charges of OUI and violations of bail conditions.

Sunday, Jan. 30

At 11:53 a.m. a landlord reported he had gone to check on an apartment on the West Bethel Road and was refused entry, despite having paperwork stating he could have access. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 2:42 p.m. a report was received of a person involved in an abusive relationship. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

At 9:30 p.m. Deputies George Cayer and Matt Noyes responded to Albany for a report of an intoxicated subject operating a vehicle with a child in the car. The vehicle was located, and while the investigation was conducted a subject continued to cause a problem. Tony L. Bennett, 45, of Bethel was arrested for obstructing government administration and violation of conditions of release.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel Patrol log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication.

State Police Troop B Highlights

Jan. 24 to Jan. 30

Tr. Turnick arrested a 26 year old female for Domestic Violence.

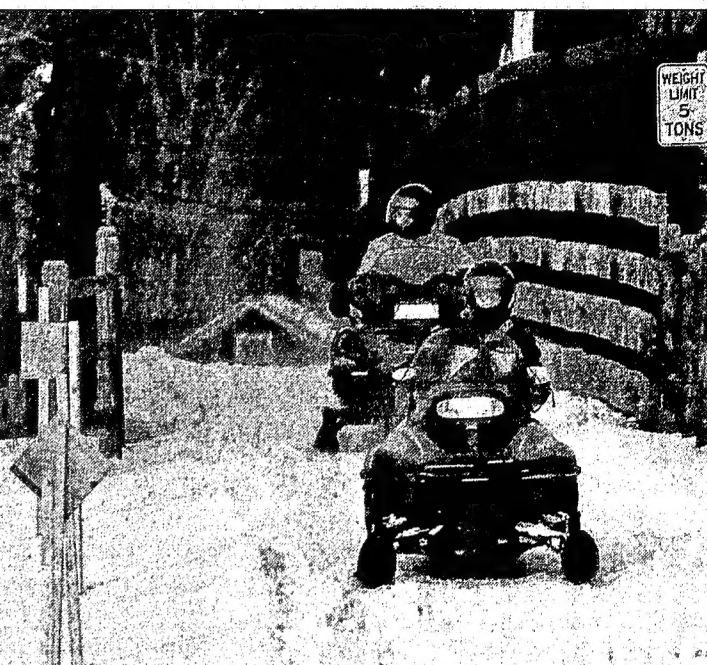
Tr. Turnick assisted OXSO search a vehicle and located a handgun concealed in the vehicle by a convicted felon.

Tr. Fillebrown was patrolling in Bethel and observed a vehicle operating without headlights. Upon stopping the vehicle the operator was found to have a suspended status in Maine, (Class E) and the passenger had a warrant for failure to pay fines. The operator was summonsed and the passenger arrested.

Tr. Wing stopped a motor vehicle for no front plate and determined the 17 year old operator to be suspended. He was summonsed and his brother drove them away.

Tr. Fillebrown observed a vehicle suspiciously acting on Route 35 in Waterford. Upon stopping the vehicle a Digital Scale with marijuana residue was seen on the center console. A search of the vehicle revealed more marijuana in the car and trunk.

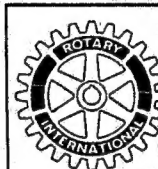
Tr. Turnick conducted a traffic stop for various violations and located a useable amount of Marijuana and (2) Hypodermic needles said to be used by operator to shoot up "Suboxen."



HAPPY FOR MORE-Two snowmobilers cross the bridge over the Androscoggin River. Another Wednesday snowstorm this week - and the possibility of another on Saturday - should keep trail conditions ideal.

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driveway entrances, subdivisions and major reconstruction of buildings.

Jennifer Turner was 13 years old in 1985 when the car she was riding in was smashed into by a hit-and-run pulp truck in Newry. The daughter of Craig and Lillian Turner of Hanover, Jennifer grew to adulthood as a quadriplegic and required extensive medical care. Seeking adult independence she moved to Auburn where she lives today. Because of continuing developments she needs to move to a facility with lifting equipment to help her within her home. The American Society of Civil Engineers heard of Jennifer's situation and began a project to help her by building a fully equipped house for her. Contractors are donating much of the labor and materials while retailers will provide many of the furnishings. Tammy (Milligan) Nosek, a childhood classmate of Jennifer and now from New York helped get things going.

The project was delayed last year when the house lot provided by the city of Auburn proved to be too difficult to build on and the city provided a second lot.

A short time ago Jennifer's situation was featured on WCSH-TV and a video of the interview can be found on the TV station's website. It is expected that construction will begin soon. However, there is a possibility of funding shortages. Anyone wishing to help Jennifer get into her new home may donate to ASCE Turner Project, PO Box 1212, Auburn, ME 04211. Tammy Nosek may be e-mailed at tirossie@tectonicengineering.com.

Hanover Deputy Town Clerk skipped out of work on Friday because she was in Florida with three friends. We understand that if they ever do it again the state of Florida would like advance warning so everyone can get out of the way. She returned to work just in time to get out the W-2 forms for 2010.

There is not much bad weather to write about because it has been a little warmer and not enough snow to make a difference. Is it too soon to get cabin fever?

Upton

By LAURIE BROWN



Last Friday I looked in The Citizen for this column, for one reason or another, and was surprised to find it. Not only did I forget to write it, I forgot that I forgot.

There have been several tractor-trailer trucks traveling on East B Hill this year -- more than usual. It is, after all, 3 to 5 miles shorter than going through Grafton Notch to or from the Rumford area. Most local folks figure it's better to take Route 26 when the weather conditions make roads slippery -- but, then, they don't rely on GPS to guide them. GPS directions don't include info on length and steepness of inclines, or width and conditions of roads, I guess. Many drivers, unfamiliar with that road, don't anticipate such steep inclines, and therefore shift incorrectly, and have problems making the hill -- even when it is properly sanded.

Have you marked Feb. 18 and 19 on your calendar yet? Sliding/skating party on Friday night and Italian buffet on Saturday -- I'll try to remember to mention it another time or two.

An old-timers' superstition declares that tossing a hat onto a bed brings ruin to whomever sleeps in it -- and worse ruin to whoever tossed it. In fact, even taking a hat into a bedroom was strongly discouraged.

The sun is shining, the solar power is charging the batteries, it's a beautiful day! Enjoy you week. Selah

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Mona and I returned from a very enjoyable 10 days in Hawaii late Monday, Jan. 31. We spent five days on Oahu and five days on Hawaii (the "Big Island"). On Oahu, we stayed at a military recreation facility at Bellows Air Force Station (now referred to as the Marine Corps Training Facility, Oahu) in a cottage at the beach there. This is a beautiful, quite secluded area with nearly three miles of white sand beach out of sight and sound of most of the traffic, noise and hustle and bustle of the rest of the island. We thoroughly enjoyed walking the beach and relaxing in sunshine and temperatures ranging from nighttime high 60's to daytime low 80's.

We quickly learned to stay away from the Honolulu side of the island during the morning and afternoon rush hours, when all roads there are clogged with stop-and-go traffic. Therefore, we did our sightseeing around the island between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday when we started our day early in order to find places to park near the most scenic coastal areas. It seems that nearly

all the locals spend their weekends recreating at the sea-shore, surfing, swimming, picnicking and just hanging out. There are few places to find quiet seclusion on Oahu. Since both Mona and I have been to Hawaii on previous occasions, we avoided most of the usual "tourist traps" and spent our time visiting favorite scenic seashores like the huge surfing waves at Makaha on the north shore of the island, the rocky promontories near "the Blowhole," Hanauma Bay and the western shore on the other side of Pearl Harbor. On Sunday we drove to Schofield Barracks Army Base, where I planned to drive through Koli Koli Pass to the western side of the island. There is a beautiful drive through the pass on a road on the military reservation which snakes down the leeward (western) side of the island, which is desert-like, with cactus and numerous mounds containing military munitions storage. I was disappointed to find this road closed even to retired military personnel, as this is one area that Mona has not seen. We retreated and found a lovely beach with a shady spot to enjoy our picnic lunch.

We then stopped for a return visit to Pearl Harbor, where we spent most of our time in the book store before returning to Bellows AFS. We did enjoy the spectacular views of the Arizona Memorial and the other historical military artifacts around the harbor. I don't believe there is a more beautiful tropical paradise anywhere than some of the places on the island of Oahu. We just hate the traffic and crowds in the Honolulu/Waikiki area. We were glad to board our Hawaiian Airlines flight to the "Big Island," I'll describe our experiences there next week.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Another storm is brewing -- are we ready? This one promises to be the biggest yet this season; but then, so have some others that

turned out to be duds. By the time you read this, you will know the truth. At least we haven't gotten slammed like our neighbors to the south. They don't even have the equipment to deal with it. We do.

Sounds like another Wednesday with no school and one wonders if even the transfer stations will be able to open. I think Tasha and I will go for several walks and be glad we don't have to work; unless we do!

Saturday we purchased a RAV4 from Linda and Mark Boudoin.

It is AWD and can flip into 4WD easily. It is older (2000) with a few miles on it, but it seems to work well. It is the first manual transmission I've driven in a long time, but I guess it is like riding a bicycle, you never forget how. Now it is off to try it out.

Sunday, Becky and Jeff were kind enough to host the family birthday party for me. Thanks guys.

Feb. 3, ACA meets at the Waterford Library. Hopefully the weather will have ended by then. The meeting is from 10 to 11:15 a.m. FMI call 739-9115.

Monday, Feb. 7, being the first Monday, both the Knit and Chat Group (2 to 4) and the Socrates Cafe; (6:30 to 8:30) will meet at the Waterford Library.

The library is under construction during the day to shore up the second floor so nobody and no things fall through.

Alan Day Community Garden had their first meeting of the year this past Sunday. There were at least 30 people there interested in helping the garden thrive this year. All are anxious to be able to start planting again.

Sunday, Feb. 13, Mountain Poets will meet from 6 to 8 at Fare Share Commons. All posts welcome. FMI call 743-9808 or 739-9115.

That is all for this week. Enjoy the snow.

You may as well, we have no choice and this is Maine in the winter. Drive carefully and stay well.

Famed swordfish captain and author to visit Bethel

Linda Greenlaw, America's only female swordfishing captain and author of seven best-selling books, will be featured as the next Down Home Maine program. Sponsored by the Western Mountains Senior College, Linda will hold a story-telling session at the Gould Academy McLaughlin Trustees Auditorium on Friday, Feb. 18, 4 to 5:30 p.m., immediately followed by two events sponsored by the Mill Hill Inn.

Greenlaw was woven into "The Perfect Storm," where author Sebastian Junger called her "one of the best captains on the entire east coast." Her latest book, "Seaworthy: a Swordfish Boat Captain Returns to the Sea," follows three New York Times best-selling books about life as a commercial fisherman: "The Hungry Ocean" (1999), "The Lobster Chronicles" (2002), and "All Fishermen are Liars" (2004). She is the winner of the U.S. Maritime Literature Award in 2003, and the New England Book Award for nonfiction in 2004. She has also written two mysteries, "Slipknot" (2007) and "Fisherman's Bend" (2008).

But it is her cookbooks that will be featured at the Mill Hill Inn, as she helps prepare the night's dinner; make your reservations now. Linda is currently working on a second cookbook; her first, "Recipes from a Very Small Island" (2005), was co-authored with her mother, Martha Greenlaw, and hailed by Time Magazine as a "must-have cookbook."

Greenlaw is featured in the hit Discovery Channel series "Swords: Life on the Line" and has appeared on Good Morning America, Today, CBS Sunday Morning, The Martha Stewart Show, and National Public Radio. She lives on Isle au Haut, Maine.

Linda has fascinating stories, which you will enjoy at the Gould Academy event at 4 p.m. There is no need to pre-register, and it is free admission. At 5:45 there will be a book-signing (books will be sold on site) at the Mill Hill Inn. Greenlaw will be at the inn and collaborating on dinner preparation. Seating is limited, and reservations must be received by Feb. 12 -- 824-3241.

For more about Linda Greenlaw, visit www.lindagreenlawbooks.com.

WMSC offers multi-session courses, workshops, outdoor activities, special events and social gatherings to members aged 50 and over. The Down Home Maine series features unique and adventurous people from our own community. Programs are open to the public free of charge; donations are accepted to offset Senior College expenses. Light refreshments are available. For more information, contact WMSC co-chair, Bonnie Pooley, at 881-7944. Google Western Mountains Senior College to reach our website.

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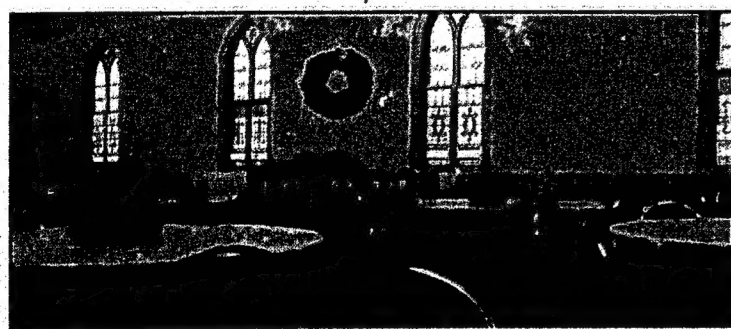
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Come check out some new titles available at the library: "Worth Dying For" by Lee Child, "The Gift" by James Patterson, "Autobiography of Mark Twain," Vol. 1, "Eclipse" (DVD), "Christmas in Allagash: The Early Years" by the Allagash Historical Society, "House on Olive Street" by Robin Carr, "House on Salt Hay Road" by Carin Clevidence, "Wanted: Perfect Partner" by Debbie Macomber, "Interrupting Chicken" by Ezra Stein.

The library is located at 226 Main Street in West Paris. Library hours are Monday 1:30 to 6, Wednesday 1:30 to 7, Friday 1:30 to 6, and Saturday 10 to 2. For more information, please call the librarian at 674-2004 or visit our web site at westparislibrary.org.

History book discussion group planned

Randall H. Bennett, executive director of the Bethel Historical Society, announced this week that a "History Book Discussion Group" is being organized by Society President William D. Andrews and Associate Director Stanley R. Howe, and that both men also will serve as facilitators during the dis-



cussion sessions.

The first meeting of the group is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the society's Robinson House at 10 Broad Street in Bethel Hill village. The History Book Discussion Group is open to anyone who wishes to share and exchange ideas and opinions on a variety of history books.

Participants at the first meeting will be asked to suggest ideas on topics and format; they will also be encouraged to recommend specific books for consideration by the group.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive historical agency.

With over 1,000 members, the society fosters a sense of place — with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region — by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars.

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In 1974, the society acquired the former Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which now contains a period house museum, exhibit hall and research library.

OFF-SLOPING—Skiers and snowboarders competed last week in the Maine Street Rail Jam. Above left, a skier rides a rail; above, a snowboarder leaps onto the box element. Mount Snow Free-style ski coach Ritchie Paradise and Gould Snowboard coaches Eric Breton and Chris Davies helped build and maintain the course. Sponsors included Pinnacle Snowboard Shop, Sunday River Ski Resort, Mt. Abram Ski Resort, Anon, R.E.D., Nomis, Burton, Oakley, Sudbury Inn, Funky Red Barn, HomeSlice Pizza, Hot Taco, Savage Excavation and Cho-SUN. The winner of the ski competition, Blake Wilson, was sponsored by local business Black Bear Energy. Jack Alosa won in snowboarding. For more photos go to www.bethelcitizen.com/sports.

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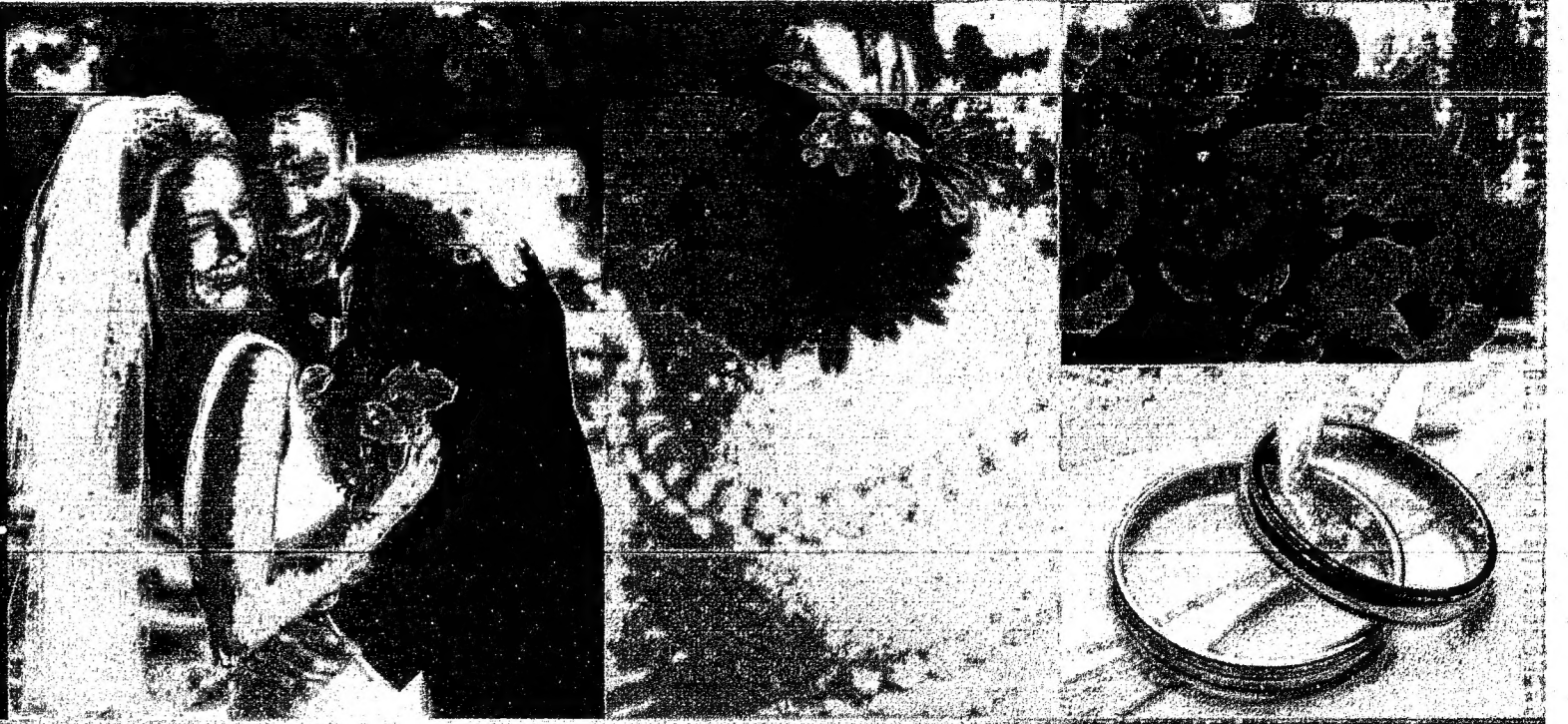
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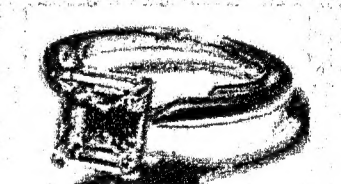
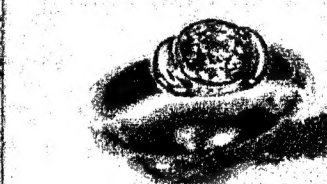
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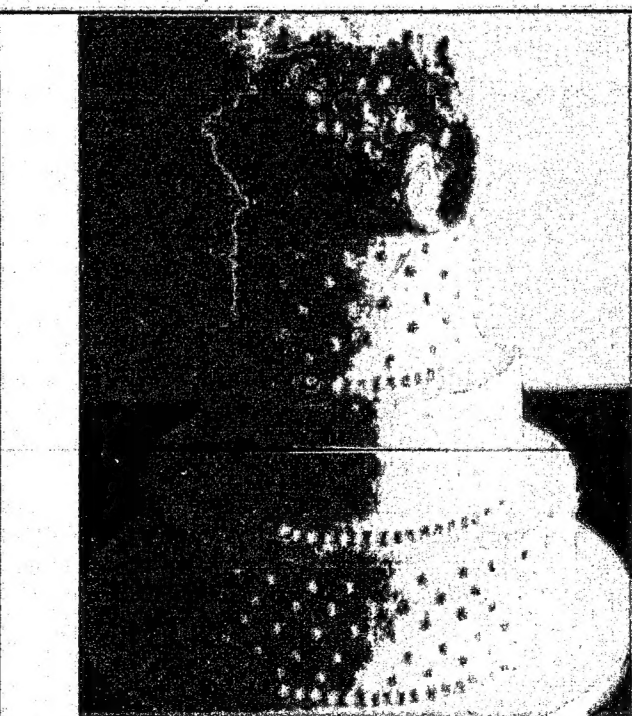
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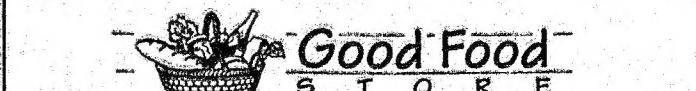
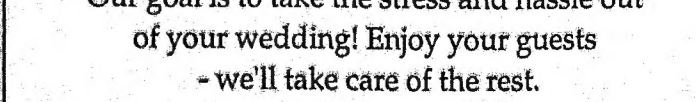


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Community Calendar

Indoor Winter Walking at Telstar Regional High School: Monday-Friday, 6:15-7:15 a.m. and 2:30-7 p.m.

Thru Mid-March

4 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden** open Wednesday-Saturday thru winter months and closed Sunday-Tuesday. FMI: 8820 or www.mclaughlingarden.org

Thursdays, thru Feb. 10

6 to 6 p.m. - **T'ai Chi for Beginners**, taught by Betsey Foster at Telstar Regional High School. To register: 824-2780.a

Thursdays, Feb. 3, 10 and 17

3:15 to 4:30 - **Learn to Sew** program for third and sixth graders at Norway Memorial Library; pre-registration required. Learn different stitch each week. FMI and to register: 743-5309 Ext. 4.

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4 and 5

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield, presents **The Early Evening Show** hosted by Michael Miclon and special surprise guests. Tickets: adults \$14, seniors \$12, 12 and under \$8. FMI or tickets: call 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com

February 4-7

Veterans No Boundaries, program by Maine Handicapped Skiing at Sunday River and other areas throughout Newry and Bethel. Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing are many of this year's events offered those injured in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. FMI: www.skihs.org, e-mail info@skimhs.org or call (800) 639-7770.

Saturday, Feb. 5

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Free Car Seat Safety Event** for hands-on child safety seat inspections and advice at Norway Fire Station, Seal Street, sponsored by The Family Birthplace at Stephens Memorial Hospital. FMI: 743-1562 Ext. 128.

Annual Nordic Ski Day at Roberts Farm Preserve, 64 Roberts Road, Norway, sponsored by Western Foothills Land Trust. Skiers of all ages welcome. No charge, but donations welcomed. Homemade refreshments available. FMI and maps: visit www.fhlt.maine.org and on Preserve's new Facebook page.

1 p.m. - **Chinese Auction**, Oxford Hills High School Cafeteria. Doors open 11 a.m. Lunch on sale. Fundraiser for Project Graduation. FYI or to make donation: Nancy Henderson (674-336) or leave at school with Pam Colby.

5 to 6 p.m. - **Chicken Pie Supper/Dance** (6:30 p.m.) by Pines Dance Band at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Valentine fun time. Cost: supper \$7, dance \$5.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents **Australian Outback Encounters** at Grand Ballroom of Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Tickets: adults advance \$6/door \$8, 12 and under \$4/\$6, age 5 and under free. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5 and 6

1 p.m. - **Monsta Band** performing at Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Live music/entertainment/dancing/karaoke. FMI: 824-3003.

Monday, Feb. 7

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe** gathering at Waterford Library. Topic: "Responding to Change," with Kim Kearney, moderator. FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us

Mondays, Feb. 7 and 8

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshops at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshop at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3702 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

12 noon to 6 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** at Rumford

American Legion, sponsored by Rumford Hospital. Double Red machines; please mention when sign up. Appointments: (800) GIVE LIFE or Rumford Hospital at 369-1000.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** meeting/dinner at Funky Red Barn, Bethel (Jan. 12 meeting canceled due to storms). Menu: stuffed haddock; price: \$10. Reservations required before 10 a.m. Feb. 7 by calling Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

Thursday, Feb. 10

SAD 44 White Cap Evening at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free Tubing Pass for evening.

5 to 9 p.m. - **Rumford Valley Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours"** hosted by Scot and Cindy Grassetto of 49 Franklin Reception Hall, Rumford. Free. Door prizes, raffles. Snacks. Wedding rental businesses featured. No cost to public. FMI: (207) 418-8656 or visit www.49franklin.com

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Healthy Stir-Frying** class offered by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital at First Congregational Church, South Paris. Cost: \$10 p/p and registration required. FMI or to register call (866) 609-5183.

6 p.m. - **All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Party** organized by The Rotary Club of Bethel at the Matterhorn, Sunday River Road (postponed from Wednesday, Feb. 2 due to storm). The event will benefit new scholarship fund in memory of Rocky Freda. Tickets: \$15 p/p from a club member or at door.

Feb. 10 thru 13

White-Out Weekend at Sunday River Ski Resort dedicated to gay and lesbian community. For full schedule and registration information: www.sundayriver.com or call (800) 543-2754.

Friday, Feb. 11

7 p.m. - **"Invasive Plants in Your Own Backyard"** by Jackie Cressy, educator and naturalist, a Local Knowledge 2010-11 program presented by Mahoosuc Land Trust at Trustees Auditorium, McLaughlin Science Building, Gould Academy. Free, but donations appreciated. FMI or inclement weather: 824-3806.

Saturday, Feb. 12 and 19

7 to 10 p.m. - **Dance to Jones Dance Band** at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Cost: \$5 for adults. Lunch counter open.

Sunday, Feb. 13

10 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** hike to summit of Rumford Whitecap. Moderately strenuous. Winter gear, hiking poles recommended. Bring lunch/water. Meet in parking area across from trail head on East Andover Road, Rumford. FMI: 824-3806 or mlt@mahoosuc.org

2 to 4 p.m. - **Chocolate Festival** hosted by Telstar Class of 2012 at Bethel Inn Conference Center, Broad Street, Bethel. All-you-can-eat buffet of chocolate desserts. Cost: \$5 per person. Bring family and friends.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

5:30 p.m. - **"Dinner and Discussion"** at American Legion Hall, 24 Congress Street, Rumford on best help to stay healthy. FMI: 369-1194.

Feb. 19 and March 19

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Heartsaver CPR and First Aid** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building. Certification in one day only - accepted for day care, foster parents, Maine guides, forestry, and non-healthcare position. FMI: Patty 671-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19 and 20

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sat.), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Sun.) - 21th Maine Home, Remodeling and Garden Show (www.homegardenshow.com) at Cumberland County Civic Center, Corner Spring Street and Center Street in downtown Portland. Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors (over 65), \$5 youth ages 6 thru 16, children under 6

free. FMI: (866) 295-6438.

Sunday, Feb. 20

8:30 a.m. on - **Food Sale** at Bethel Foodliner, sponsored by Mundt-Allen Unit 81, American Legion Auxiliary. **Annual Valve Cover Race** sponsored by American Legion Riders of American Legion Post 24, 184 Congress Street, Rumford. Open to public. Entry fee: \$7. FMI: Ed Ellis, director, American Legion Riders (357-6437).

Tuesday, Feb. 22

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Jason Bishop, magician, at Grand Ballroom of Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Tickets: adults advance \$6/door \$8, 12 and under \$4/\$6, age 5 and under free. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Tuesday, Feb. 22 and Thursday, Feb. 24

8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Tues.) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Thurs.) - **Safe Sitter Class** at Harper Conference Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, for 11 to 13 year olds. Cost (for two-day class): \$50. Scholarship (\$15) available on request. FMI: 743-5933 Ext. 380. Online registration www.wmhcc.org.

Feb. 22, March 15

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Healthcare Provider Re-Certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building. FMI: Patty 672-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

Saturdays, Feb. 26, March 26, April 9

Yard Sales - American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Tables, \$10. each. Call Jean Britton 739-2236.

Tuesday, March 1

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Mad Science at Grand Ballroom of Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Tickets: adults advance \$6/door \$8, 12 and under \$4/\$6, age 5 and under free. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Saturday, March 5

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **NRA Basic Pistol Course**, indoors at Lake Thompson Fish and Game, Oxford. \$125 per student includes lunch, books, firearms, ammunition. FMI: 739-9774 or e-mail westernmainepropertyprotection@yahoo.com

Sunday, March 6

SAD 17 and RSU 10 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. \$10 lift ticket/\$10 rental/Adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

Saturday, March 19

10 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** moderate snowshoe through Maggie Ring Easement, bordering South Pond, Greenwood and climbing up to Peaked Mountain. Winter gear, hiking poles recommended. Bring lunch/water. Meeting in parking area on Greenwood Road. FMI: 824-3806 or mlt@mahoosuc.org

Sunday, March 20

7:30 to 11 a.m. - **All-You-Can-Eat Buffet** sponsored by Rotary Club of Bethel at Ordway Dining Hall, Gould Academy, Bethel. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$3 12 and younger. Tickets in advance \$7, may be purchased from club members, The Inn at Rostay, River View Resort and Mt. Mann Jewelers. Proceeds benefit club's community projects and scholarships.

Thursday, March 24

SAD 44 White Cap Evening at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free Tubing Pass for evening.

Sunday, March 27

SAD 44 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket/free rental/free adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m.,

Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Andover

Mondays, **TOPS Program** in Andover at First Congregational Church. Weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m. meetings 6 to 6:30 p.m. Annual Tops membership: \$26. FMI: Tina (557-8804) or Sharon (392-4351).

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—**Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—**Meditation and more with Mountain Heart Sangha**, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCoco. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—**TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.—**Cross Country Quilters** of Pine

Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—**Story Time for Children at Bethel Library** (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—**Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

West Paris

Sundays: 2 to 4 p.m. Open House at **Finnish-American Heritage Center**, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. Museum, gift shop, library open.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m.—**Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—**Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge**, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzzl116@myfairpoint.net.

SUPPORT SERVICES

(ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

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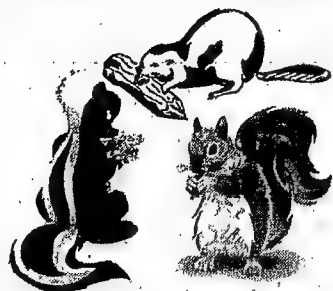
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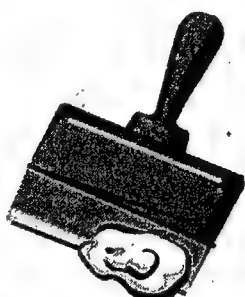
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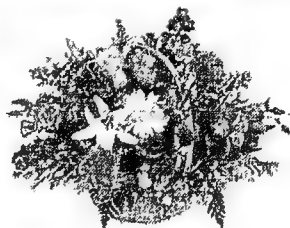
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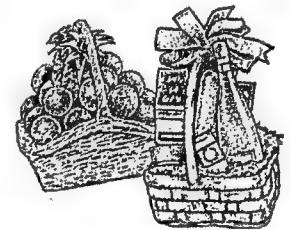


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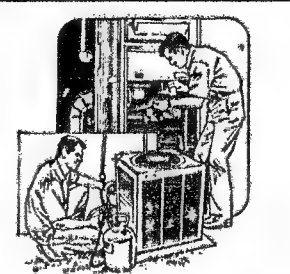
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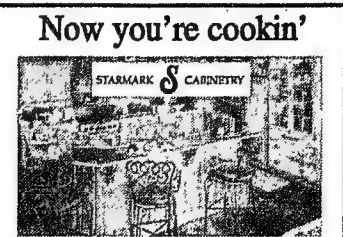
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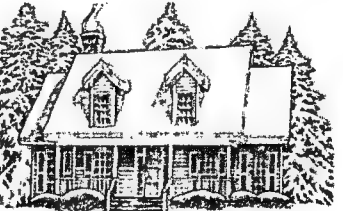
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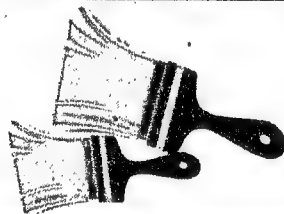
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Community Calendar

Indoor Winter Walking at Telstar Regional High School: Monday-Friday, 6:15-7:15 a.m. and 2:30-7 p.m.

Thru Mid-March

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden** open Wednesday-Saturday thru winter months and closed Sunday-Tuesday. FMI: 8820 or www.mclaughlingarden.org

Thursdays, thru Feb. 10

5 to 6 p.m. - **T'ai Chi for Beginners**, taught by Betsy Foster at Telstar Regional High School. To register: 824-2780.a

Thursdays, Feb. 3, 10 and 17

3:15 to 4:30 - **Learn to Sew** program for third and sixth graders at Norway Memorial Library; pre-registration required. Learn different stitch each week. FMI and to register: 743-5309 Ext. 4.

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4 and 5

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield, presents *The Early Evening Show* hosted by Michael Miclon and special surprise guests. Tickets: adults \$14, seniors \$12, 12 and under \$8. FMI or tickets: call 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com

February 4-7

Veterans No Boundaries, program by Maine Handicapped Skiing at Sunday River and other areas throughout Newry and Bethel. Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing are many of this year's events offered those injured in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. FMI: www.skihs.org, e-mail info@skimhs.org or call (800) 639-7770.

Saturday, Feb. 5

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Free Car Seat Safety Event** for hands-on child safety seat inspections and advice at Norway Fire Station, Deal Street, sponsored by The Family Birthplace at Stephens Memorial Hospital. FMI: 743-1562 Ext 128.

Annual Nordic Ski Day at Roberts Farm Preserve, 64 Roberts Road, Norway, sponsored by Western Foothills Land Trust. Skiers of all ages welcome. No charge, but donations welcomed. Homemade refreshments available. FMI and maps: visit www.wflmt.maine.org and on Preserve's new Facebook page.

1 p.m. - **Chinese Auction**, Oxford Hills High School Cafeteria. Doors open 11 a.m. Lunch on sale. Fundraiser for Project Graduation. FYI or to make donation: Nancy Henderson (674-356) or leave at school with Pam Colby.

5 to 6 p.m. - **Chicken Pie Supper/Dance** (6:30 p.m.) by Pines Dance Band at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Valentine fun time. Cost: supper \$7, dance \$5.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Australian Outback Encounters at Grand Ballroom of Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Tickets: adults advance \$6/door \$3, 12 and under \$4/\$6, age 5 and under free. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5 and 6

1 p.m. - **Monsta Band** performing at Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Live music/entertainment/dancing/karaoke. FMI: 824-3003.

Monday, Feb. 7

8:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe** gathering at Waterford Library. Topic: "Responding to Change," with Kim Kearney, moderator. FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us

Mondays, Feb. 7 and 8

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshops at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshop at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3702 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

12 noon to 6 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** at Rumford

American Legion, sponsored by Rumford Hospital. Double Red machines; please mention when sign up. Appointments: (800) GIVE LIFE or Rumford Hospital at 369-1000.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** meeting/dinner at Funky Red Barn, Bethel (Jan. 12 meeting canceled due to storms). Menu: stuffed haddock; price: \$10. Reservations required before 10 a.m. Feb. 7 by calling Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

Thursday, Feb. 10

SAD 44 White Cap Evening at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free Tubing Pass for evening.

5 to 9 p.m. - **Rumford Valley Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours"** hosted by Scot and Cindy Grassetto of 49 Franklin Reception Hall, Rumford. Free. Door prizes, raffles, Snacks. Wedding rental businesses featured. No cost to public. FMI: (207) 418-8656 or visit www.49franklin.com

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Healthy Stir-Frying** class offered by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital at First Congregational Church, South Paris. Cost: \$10 p/p and registration required. FMI or to register call (866) 609-5183.

6 p.m. - **All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Party** organized by The Rotary Club of Bethel at the Matterhorn, Sunday River Road (postponed from Wednesday, Feb. 2 due to storm). The event will benefit new scholarship fund in memory of Rocky Freda. Tickets: \$15 p/p from a club member or at door.

Feb. 10 thru 13

White-Out Weekend at Sunday River Ski Resort dedicated to gay and lesbian community. For full schedule and registration information: www.sundayriver.com or call (800) 543-2754.

Friday, Feb. 11

7 p.m. - **"Invasive Plants in Your Own Backyard"** by Jackie Cressy, educator and naturalist, a Local Knowledge 2010-11 program presented by Mahoosuc Land Trust at Trustees Auditorium, McLaughlin Science Building, Gould Academy. Free, but donations appreciated. FMI or inclement weather: 824-3806.

Saturday Feb. 12 and 19

7 to 10 p.m. - **Dance to Jones Dance Band** at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Cost: \$5 for adults. Lunch counter open.

Sunday, Feb. 13

10 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** hike to summit of Rumford Whitecap. Moderately strenuous. Winter gear, hiking poles recommended. Bring lunch/water. Meet in parking area across from trail head on East Andover Road, Rumford. FMI: 824-3806 or mlt@mahoosuc.org

2 to 4 p.m. - **Chocolate Festival** hosted by Telstar Class of 2012 at Bethel Inn Conference Center, Broad Street, Bethel. All-you-can-eat buffet of chocolate desserts. Cost: \$5 per person. Bring family and friends.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

5:30 p.m. - **"Dinner and Discussion"** at American Legion Hall, 24 Congress Street, Rumford on best help to stay healthy. FMI: 369-1194.

Feb. 19 and March 19

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Heartsaver CPR and First Aid classes** at Oxford Public Safety Building. Certification in one day only - accepted for day care, foster parents, Maine guides, forestry, and non-healthcare position. FMI: Patty 671-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19 and 20

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sat.), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Sun.) - 21th Maine Home, Remodeling and Garden Show (www.homegardenshow.com) at Cumberland County Civic Center, Corner Spring Street and Center Street in downtown Portland. Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors (over 65), \$5 youth ages 6 thru 16, children under 6

free. FMI: (866) 295-6438.

Sunday, Feb. 20

8:30 a.m. on - **Food Sale** at Bethel Foodliner, sponsored by Mundt-Allen Unit 81, American Legion Auxiliary.

Annual Valve Cover Race sponsored by American Legion Riders of American Legion Post 24, 184 Congress Street, Rumford. Open to public. Entry fee: \$7. FMI: Ed Ellis, director, American Legion Riders (357-6437).

Tuesday, Feb. 22

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Jason Bishop, magician, at Grand Ballroom of Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Tickets: adults advance \$6/door \$8, 12 and under \$4/\$6, age 5 and under free. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Tuesday, Feb. 22 and Thursday, Feb. 24

8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Tues.) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Thurs.) - **Safe Sitter Class** at Harper Conference Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, for 11 to 13 year olds. Cost (for two-day class): \$50. Scholarship (\$15) available on request. FMI: 743-5933 Ext. 380. Online registration www.wmhcc.org.

Feb. 22, March 15

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Healthcare Provider Re-Certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building. FMI: Patty 672-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

Saturdays, Feb. 26, March 26, April 9

Yard Sales - American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Tables, \$10. each. Call Jean Britton 739-2236.

Tuesday, March 1

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Mad Science at Grand Ballroom of Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Tickets: adults advance \$6/door \$8, 12 and under \$4/\$6, age 5 and under free. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Saturday, March 5

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **NRA Basic Pistol Course**, indoors at Lake Thompson Fish and Game, Oxford. \$125 per student includes lunch, books, firearms, ammunition. FMI: 739-9774 or e-mail westernmainepropertyprotection@yahoo.com

Sunday, March 6

SAD 17 and RSU 10 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. \$10 lift ticket/\$10 rental/Adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

Saturday, March 19

10 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** moderate snowshoe through Maggie Ring Easement, bordering South Pond, Greenwood and climbing up to Peaked Mountain. Winter gear, hiking poles recommended. Bring lunch/water. Meeting in parking area on Greenwood Road. FMI: 824-3806 or mlt@mahoosuc.org

Sunday, March 20

7:30 to 11 a.m. - **All-You-Can-Eat Buffet** sponsored by Rotary Club of Bethel at Ordway Dining Hall, Gould Academy, Bethel. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$3 12 and younger. Tickets in advance \$7, may be purchased from club members, The Inn at Rostay, River View Resort and Mt. Mann Jewelers. Proceeds benefit club's community projects and scholarships.

Thursday, March 24

SAD 44 White Cap Evening at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free Tubing Pass for evening.

Sunday, March 27

SAD 44 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket/free rental/free adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m.,

Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Andover

Mondays, TOPS Program in Andover at First Congregational Church. Weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m. meetings 6 to 6:30 p.m. Annual Tops membership: \$26. FMI: Tina (557-8804) or Sharon (392-4351).

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—Meditation and more with Mountain Heart Sangha, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café DiCocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—TOPS at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.—Cross Country Quilters of Pine

Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

West Paris

Sundays: 2 to 4 p.m. Open House at Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. Museum, gift shop, library open.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m.—Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway. New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzzl16@myfairpoint.net.

SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

(ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4 pm, Thursday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

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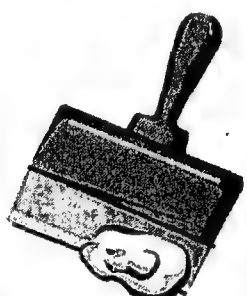
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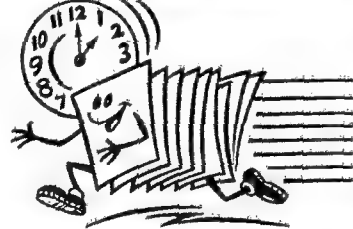
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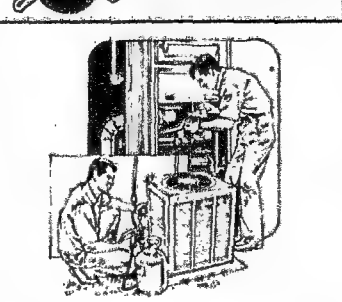
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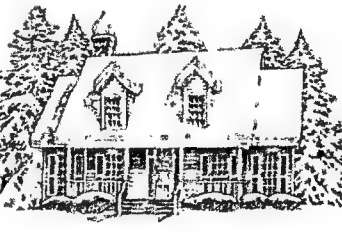
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SMH THERAPISTS COMPLETE PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR—Stephens Memorial Hospital Physical Therapists Marlon Sandstrom and Jodie Wilson, and Occupational Therapist Jennifer Bennett have recently advanced their professional education by attending, "Manual Skills for the Upper Quarter" a six-contact hour Board Certified program held in Portland Jan. 19. Bennett, Wilson, and Sandstrom are all Bethel residents and have worked at SMH for 14, 25, and 32 years, respectively. The seminar emphasized new evidence-based, hands-on training in the treatment of neck and shoulder problems. Up-to-date information of rehab following shoulder and neck surgeries was received. Medical research was examined and treatment skills were practiced in hands-on labs. At SMH, Jodie now uses the new skills with patients during their acute hospital stay, and Jen in the outpatient rehab department located in the Ripley Building. Individuals who could benefit from these advanced treatment approaches include patients who are post-surgical, post-stroke, individuals with work injuries, or athletes. Therapists Marlon and Jodie also treat all ages at the Bethel Family Health Center. Pictured are, from left: Sandstrom, Bennett, and Wilson.



ROLL CALL
SAD 44 School Board Chair Sid Pew, far left, calls directors' names Monday as they vote on the closure of the Andover Elementary School. The proposal received a simple weighted-vote majority, 551-418, but a two-thirds majority is required for it to take effect.
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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Livermore 61, Telstar 49; Jan. 25—Telstar stats: Dan Vaughn 15 points, Corey Howard 15 points and 9 rebounds.
Telstar 57, Jay 55; Jan. 28—Telstar stats: Corey Howard 12 points, Ben Field 12 and 9 rebounds, Danny Whitney 11 points, Dan Vaughn 10 points Whitney made a lay-up with 8 seconds left to put Telstar ahead.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Livermore 45, Telstar 42; Jan. 25—Telstar stats: Dominic Haines 19 points, Nick Mills 15, Lucas Bellanceau 8.
Telstar 53, Jay 43; Jan. 28— Telstar stats: Nick Mills 19 points, Dominic Haines 18, Mike Delduca 6, Lucas Bellanceau 5.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Jay 57, Telstar 29; Jan. 28—This was a big improvement over the previous meeting between the teams during Christmas vacation. The team was led by freshman Alyssa Brands with 7 points and two rebounds, seniors Emma Davis with 6 points, 6 boards, 2 blocked shots; and Cheyanne Day with 6 points, 14 boards, and a blocked shot; and freshman Casey Blaszcak with 4 points. The team had 7 out of 10 players score points, a season high. Jay was tough from the three-point line making 6 total in the game. With four games left in the season, two away and two home, the team looks to reach goals for this season and lay some groundwork for the next. Coach Mark Kenney
Dirigo 62, Telstar 23; Jan. 31- The Rebels were led by Emma Davis with 6 points, 5 boards, 3 blocks, and 5 steals; Cheyanne Day had 5 points, 11 boards, 1 block, and 3 steals, and Casey Blaszcak and Autum Morin with 4 points and 4 boards each. There are three games left in the season including two home games Thursday 2/3 and next Wednesday 2/9. — Coach Mark Kenney

TMS Alpine Skiing

GS race at Black Mountain; Jan. 25—The girl's team turned in another stellar performance with an amazing team score of 17. Scoring for the girls were: 2. Maddie Simard, 3. Shelby Cowin, 4. Kim Drew, 8. Grace Connors. Aislynn Forbes, Gabrielle Stone, and Kasmira Winberg gave the girls lots of depth. Wynter Morin showed her potential by placing in the middle of the pack. The boys team score suffered when two of their top racers fell during the second run, but strong performances were seen from Greg Wheeler in 10th and Aaron Speakman in 15th. Zach Stone and Liam Gallagher both showed improvement and all of the new racers; Ali Turnick, Kaitlynn Brown, Luke Davis, Josh Eliot, Alex Duclos, and James Newkirk made it through the course with decent times. Nice job by all for pushing the limits on a very fast course. - Coach Eliot
GS at Sunday River; January 28: Telstar Middle School ski team hosted a dual GS race at Sunday River. The girls team dominated the field again with a team score of 14; 2. Maddie Simard, 3. Kim Drew, 4. Shelby Cowin, 5. Grace Connors. Kasmira Winberg, Aislynn Forbes, and Gabrielle Stone also turned in impressive performances coming in 11th, 12th, and 14th. The boys team was led by Brendon Stearns' 3rd place finish. Also scoring for the boys were 11. Greg Wheeler, 14. Aaron Speakman, and 16. Zach Stone. Improvements can be seen in all the racers. - Coach Eliot

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Unit 6E - Lovely 2-bedroom/2-bath townhouse with beautiful scenic views. Features include new carpet, finished basement with additional room, 1-car garage, fireplace, deck and close proximity to downtown Bethel. \$149,000

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239 Paradise Road, Bethel:
This home offers unparalleled views from all sides. The floor plan is well designed, with eat-in kitchen, dining room, office and living room with stone hearth & woodstove, 4 BRs & 4 baths, including master suite. Large mudroom, back deck and 2-car garage. \$519,000

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Land

90 Vail Drive, Powder Ridge: This 1.1 +- acre lot is located in the exclusive Powder Ridge neighborhood near Sunday River. This very affordable home site is level and nicely wooded. \$49,000

Lot 4, Ragged Hill, Newry: Nicely elevated 4.5-acre lot with mountain and slope views. The homesite is ready to go with power to the street, gravel driveway, surveyed & soil tested. Last lot available in this small, secluded subdivision known as Northern Acres. \$99,900

39 Mason Street, Bethel: This 1.6-acre in-town lot has great potential - for a home or a development project. Town water & sewer. Land has been surveyed. \$179,000

29 Breckenridge, Powder Ridge: Premier 1.8-acre building lot just minutes from Sunday River's world-class skiing and golf. Features panoramic views of Puzzle Mountain toward Grafton Notch. \$65,000

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Tuesday January 11, 2011 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Tuesday February 8, 2011 7:00 to 9:00 PM

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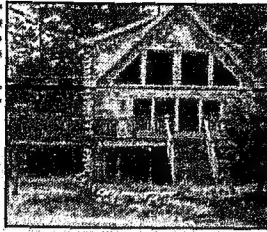
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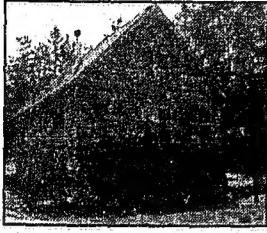
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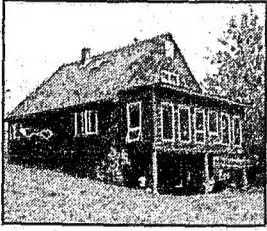
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Walkers Mills Road, Bethel \$299,500; Stunning 4 bedroom, 3 full bath custom log chalet with finished daylight basement, cathedral ceilings, stainless kitchen, stone fireplace, main floor laundry, log deck, carport, wood & tile floors and large sunny windows. Lots of special touches everywhere throughout this spacious, beautiful house, including several antler chandeliers. All on 3 nice acres within two minutes of downtown. Perfect ski house for a large crowd!



Countryside Lane, Bethel \$221,500; Log chalet in neighborhood of similar log style homes. Great location with the appeal of a country setting just a few minutes from in-town Bethel's dining and shopping as well as Sunday River and Mt. Abram ski resorts. Nice open layout with a wood burning fireplace in the living room, hardwood flooring, stainless appliances, first floor master bedroom and full, unfinished daylight basement.



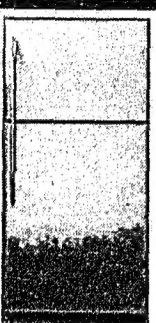
Bailey Road, Bethel \$189,000; The location can't be beat! This property is near the heart of in-town Bethel with shopping, dining, hiking, and cross-country skiing within minutes. The main house has 3 bedrooms with two baths and the partially finished basement offers additional options with a 3/4 bath and separate kitchenette. First floor master bedroom and laundry area for convenience, woodstove in living area for supplemental heating choices and nice large yard with a fenced in portion. The six person hot tub on the sun porch is great for relaxing! There's plenty of room for everyone, would be a great commercial location. Make an appointment to view.

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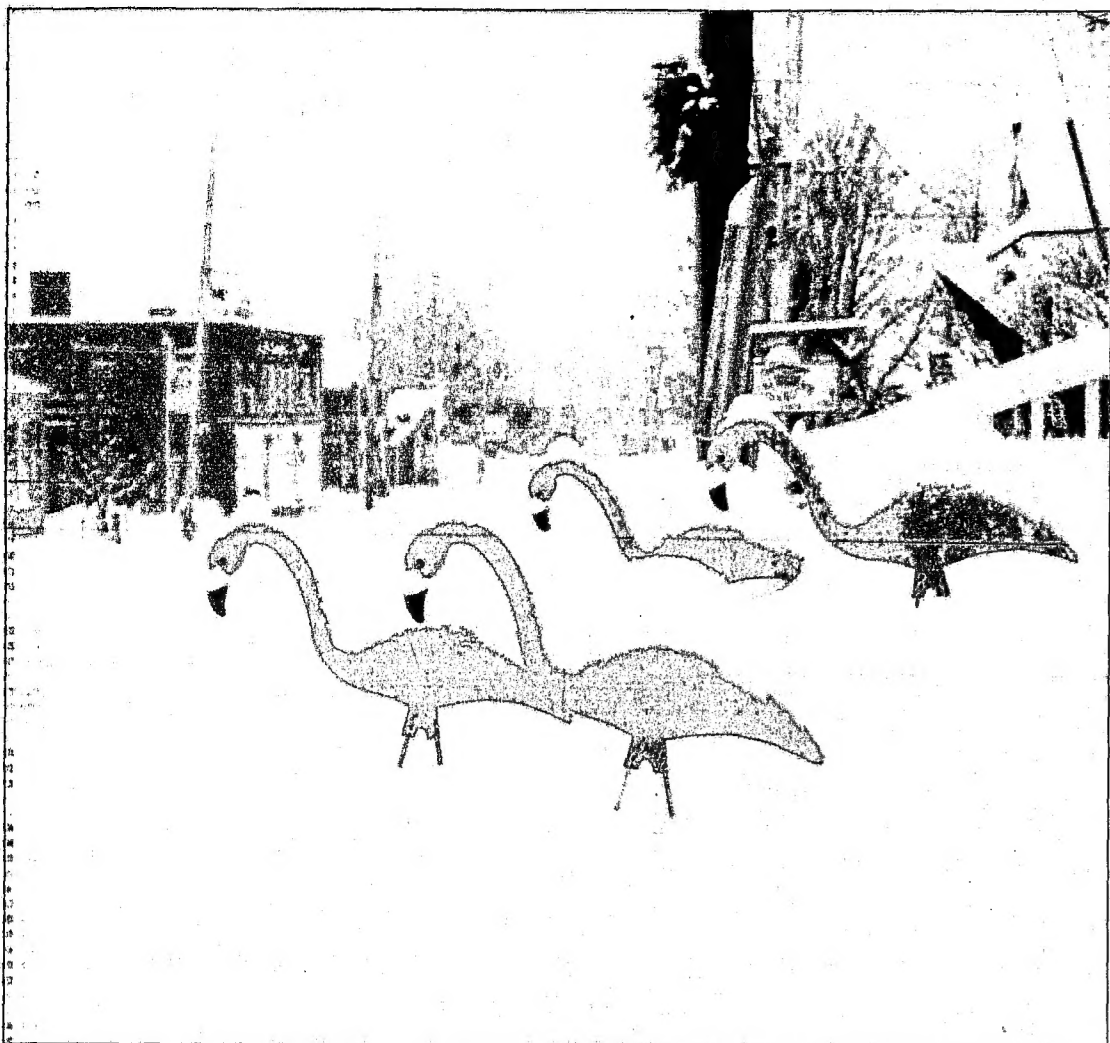
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Engagements

Osgood — Savage



Melissa and Rickie Osgood Sr. of Greenwood, Maine are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Merissa Osgood, to Keith Savage Jr, son of Penny and Keith Savage of Greenwood, Maine. A September wedding is planned.

Births

Danika and Christopher Garner of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Aubriegh Lee Garner, born on Dec. 29, 2010, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. Daniel and Anne Steffen of Sarasota, Fla.

Peternal grandparents are Robert and Christine Duane of Point Pleasant, N.J.

Aubriegh joins her brother, Dalton Lawrence Garner, age 2.

Carolyn M. Stubbs and Christopher I. Owen of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Reese Michael Owen, born on Jan. 3, 2011, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

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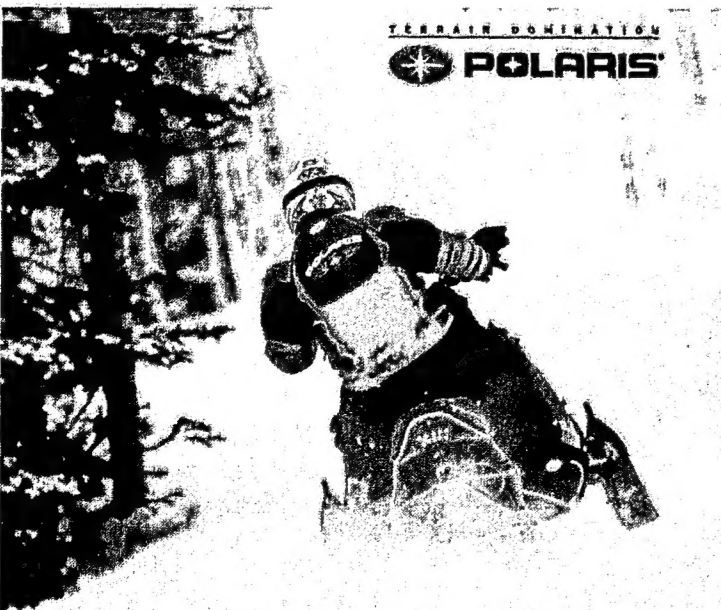
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- We believe that less is more. We stay healthy by focusing on the needs of a smaller number of families and building consistent, nurturing relationships with children.

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Answers

GOBS	TSAR	ARIAS	RUNUP
ALOT	HOLE	LINGO	ARISE
WEARHOUSE	LONE	OFFICER	
KOREA	POKE	DNA	ERE
ERIC	RHEA	EMBERS	
CAPITOL	GAINS	RELY	
CHI	ONEA	SOSA	URGED
HANGAR	DRESSER	GREASE	
ONTAP	MATTE	SMART	MTN
SOSO	HOD	SOME	RUES
LAPPTOP		REBAITS	
LEOS	ARLO	DIG	BELL
OAR	ATEUP	ENOLA	MESTA
OCTANE	SPARKLE	MAYHEM	
SHARI	HORA	FAKE	USA
ATOM	SAILS	FIGURES	
SONATA	ELLE	NANO	
SET	TRA	SAND	TAINT
NETPROPHETS	MALE	ORDER	
ADELE	LEMAT	IVES	ELIE
GYROS	EMORY	NYSE	DELE

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